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RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF HEMSWORTH

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for 1953

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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

SENIOR SANITARY INSPECTOR

for 1953



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1953.

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RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF HEMSWORTH

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Barnsley Road,  
HEMSWORTH.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present for your information and consideration a report on the health and health services of your district for the year 1953.

In accordance with the practice of previous years the Annual Report of the Senior Sanitary Inspector is included and is complementary to this report. I have also included certain details of the personal health services administered by me as Divisional Medical Officer for the West Riding County Council so that you may have a comprehensive report of the work done during the year.

At the year end the number of inhabited houses had increased by 1,200 and the natural increase in population by which live births exceeded total deaths was 558.

There were 77 more live births than in the previous year and the birth rate is the highest since 1949. The still birth rate and the infant mortality rate were fractionally lower than in the preceding year even though there was one more still birth and there were 3 more infant deaths than in 1952. One maternal death occurred during the year.

The death rate at all age groups was again lowered and is below that for England and Wales as a whole.

The infectious diseases showed a marked increase from 1952, an increase mainly accounted for by the prevalence of measles and whooping cough. Pneumonia also increased from 20 to 37 during the year.

No progress has been made in immunisation against diphtheria but with whooping cough immunisation, there has been an encouraging increase, and in vaccination against smallpox there was a very satisfactory improvement.

The number of visits made by Health Visitors continued to rise and at the Child Welfare clinics the number of children attending and the total attendances showed a considerable increase. The number attending the Ante-natal clinics has also increased by 211.

In Home Nursing there was a large increase in the number of visits made and the demands on the Home Help Service continued to rise.

Co-operation in after care under Section 28 of the National Health Service Act has been good, with the Hospital services and the Local Authority Services working well together.



In conclusion I take this opportunity to thank the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their interest in and support of the work of the Health Department.

As in previous years all officials of other departments have co-operated wholeheartedly and I thank them and the members of the staff of my Department for their assistance during the year.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,



M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Medical Officer of Health.

PART ONE

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

|                                        |     |               |
|----------------------------------------|-----|---------------|
| Area of the District:                  | ... | 29,055 acres. |
| Population (estimated Mid.1953).       | ... | 49,100.       |
| No. of Inhabited Houses (at 31.12.53). | ... | 14,122.       |
| Rateable Value (at 31.12.53).          | ... | £204,251.     |
| Product of penny rate (at 31.12.53).   | ... | £778.         |

VITAL STATISTICS

| <u>BIRTHS</u> |              | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|---------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Live:         | Legitimate   | 456         | 486           | 942          |
|               | illegitimate | 9           | 20            | 29           |
|               |              | 465         | 506           | 971          |
| Still:        | Legitimate   | 16          | 8             | 24           |
|               | illegitimate | -           | 1             | 1            |
|               | Total Births | 481         | 515           | 996          |

Crude Rates

|              |                                      |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| Live Births  | 19.8 per 1,000 estimated population. |
| Still Births | 25.1 per 1,000 total births.         |

| <u>DEATHS</u>         | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| All age groups        | 237         | 176           | 413          |
| Infants under 1 year  | 20          | 21            | 41           |
| Infants under 4 weeks | 13          | 12            | 25           |
| Maternal death        | -           | 1             | 1            |

Crude Rates

|                       |                                     |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| All age groups        | 8.4 per 1,000 estimated population  |
| Infants under 1 year  | 42.2 per 1,000 related live births. |
| Infants under 4 weeks | 25.7 per 1,000 related live births. |

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COMPARATIVE STATISTICS

|                              |                   | <u>1953</u> | <u>1952</u> | <u>1951</u> | <u>1950</u> | <u>1949</u> |
|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <u>BIRTH RATE</u>            | Rural District    | 21.0        | 19.5        | 20.1        | 20.9        | 22.5        |
|                              | West Riding       | 16.0        | 15.7        | 15.8        | 16.3        | 17.2        |
|                              | England and Wales | 15.5        | 15.3        | 15.5        | 15.8        | 16.7        |
| Still Birth<br>Rate.         | Rural District    | 25.1        | 26.1        | 22.4        | 22.3        | 27.8        |
|                              | West Riding       | 24.7        | 24.6        | 26.0        | 24.0        | 24.0.       |
|                              | England and Wales | 22.4        | 22.6        | 23.0        | -           | -           |
| <u>DEATH RATE</u>            | Rural District    | 11.0        | 11.4        | 13.4        | 12.2        | 13.4        |
|                              | West Riding       | 12.1        | 12.0        | 12.7        | 11.8        | 12.1        |
|                              | England and Wales | 11.4        | 11.3        | 12.5        | 11.6        | 11.7        |
| Infant<br>Mortality<br>Rate. | Rural District    | 42.2        | 42.5        | 39.3        | 36.7        | 43.3        |
|                              | West Riding       | 29.3        | 30.0        | 31.8        | 35.0        | 38.0        |
|                              | England and Wales | 26.8        | 27.6        | 29.6        | 29.8        | 32.0        |



The principal causes of death are set out in the following table:

TABLE I.

| Disease                                | Male | Female | Total |
|----------------------------------------|------|--------|-------|
| Tuberculosis, respiratory              | 4    | 1      | 5     |
| Tuberculosis, other                    | -    | 1      | 1     |
| Syphilitic disease                     | 1    | 1      | 2     |
| Whooping cough                         | -    | 1      | 1     |
| Other infective and parasitic disease  | 1    | 2      | 3     |
| Malignant neoplasm, stomach            | 12   | 10     | 22    |
| Malignant neoplasm, lung bronchus      | 19   | -      | 19    |
| Malignant neoplasm, breast             | -    | 7      | 7     |
| Malignant neoplasm, uterus             | -    | 5      | 5     |
| Malignant neoplasm, others             | 15   | 14     | 29    |
| Diabetes                               | -    | 2      | 2     |
| Vascular lesion of nervous system      | 22   | 22     | 44    |
| Coronary disease, angina               | 40   | 14     | 54    |
| Hypertension with heart disease        | 4    | 3      | 7     |
| Other heart disease                    | 25   | 27     | 52    |
| Other circulatory disease              | 1    | 5      | 6     |
| Influenza                              | 1    | 2      | 3     |
| Pneumonia                              | 11   | 6      | 17    |
| Bronchitis                             | 24   | 15     | 39    |
| Other diseases of respiratory system   | 5    | -      | 5     |
| Ulcer of stomach and duodenum          | 2    | -      | 2     |
| Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea     | 2    | -      | 2     |
| Nephritis and nephrosis                | 2    | 4      | 6     |
| Hyperplasia of prostate                | 4    | -      | 4     |
| Pregnancy & childbirth                 | -    | 1      | 1     |
| Congenital malformation                | 3    | 2      | 5     |
| Other defined and ill-defined diseases | 22   | 22     | 44    |
| Motor vehicle accidents                | 2    | 1      | 3     |
| All other accidents                    | 12   | 7      | 19    |
| Suicide                                | 3    | 1      | 4     |
| Totals:                                | 237  | 176    | 413   |

There has been a slight fall in the number of deaths from 425 in 1952, the general distribution of the causes of death showing little change.

# INFANT MORTALITY.

The following table gives the causes of death of all infants under the age of 1 year classified by sex and age group.

TABLE II

| Cause of death.                     | Age Groups. |   |      |   |      |   |      |   |       |   |       |   |       |   |       |   | Totals. |    |        |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|---|------|---|------|---|------|---|-------|---|-------|---|-------|---|-------|---|---------|----|--------|
|                                     | Under       |   | 1-2  |   | 2-3  |   | 3-4  |   | 1-3   |   | 3-6   |   | 6-9   |   | 9-12  |   | M       | F  | Total. |
|                                     | 1 wk.       |   | wks. |   | wks. |   | wks. |   | mths. |   | mths. |   | mths. |   | mths. |   |         |    |        |
|                                     | M           | F | M    | F | M    | F | M    | F | M     | F | M     | F | M     | F | M     | F |         |    |        |
| Asphyxia (accidental)               | -           | 1 | -    | - | -    | - | -    | - | 1     | - | -     | - | -     | - | -     | - | 1       | 1  | 2      |
| Asphyxia (neonatal)                 | 1           | - | -    | - | -    | - | -    | - | -     | - | -     | - | -     | - | -     | - | 1       | -  | 1      |
| Atelectasis                         | 1           | 1 | -    | - | -    | - | -    | - | -     | - | -     | - | -     | - | -     | - | 1       | 1  | 2      |
| Bronchitis                          | -           | - | -    | - | -    | - | 1    | - | 1     | - | 1     | - | -     | - | -     | - | 1       | 2  | 3      |
| Congenital Malformation             | 2           | 1 | 1    | - | -    | - | -    | - | 1     | - | -     | - | -     | - | -     | - | 3       | 2  | 5      |
| Convulsions                         | -           | - | -    | - | -    | - | -    | - | 1     | - | -     | - | -     | - | -     | - | -       | 1  | 1      |
| Exhaustion due to prolonged labour. | 1           | - | -    | - | -    | - | -    | - | -     | - | -     | - | -     | - | -     | - | 1       | -  | 1      |
| Gastro-enteritis                    | -           | - | -    | - | -    | - | -    | - | 1     | - | -     | - | -     | - | -     | - | 1       | -  | 1      |
| Influenza                           | -           | - | -    | - | -    | - | -    | - | 1     | - | -     | - | -     | - | -     | - | -       | 1  | 1      |
| Meningitis                          | -           | - | -    | 1 | -    | - | -    | - | 1     | - | -     | - | -     | - | -     | - | -       | 2  | 2      |
| Pneumonia                           | -           | - | -    | 1 | -    | - | -    | - | 1     | 3 | -     | 1 | -     | - | 2     | - | 4       | 4  | 8      |
| Prematurity                         | 7           | 5 | -    | 1 | -    | - | -    | - | -     | - | -     | - | -     | - | -     | - | 7       | 6  | 13     |
| Whooping Cough                      | -           | - | -    | - | -    | - | -    | - | 1     | - | -     | - | -     | - | -     | - | -       | 1  | 1      |
| Totals:                             | 12          | 8 | 1    | 3 | -    | - | 1    | - | 2     | 7 | 3     | 1 | 1     | - | 2     | - | 20      | 21 | 41     |

There were 41 infant deaths in 1953, an increase of 3 on the previous year. 20 of these infants died during the first week of life and with one exception these deaths were the result of factors operating during the pregnancy and labour.

Vital statistics for the various parishes are shown in the following table.

| Parish.                    | Population. | Live Births |     | Birth Rate. | Deaths |     | Death Rate. | Deaths under 1 year. | Infant Mortality Rate. |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----|-------------|--------|-----|-------------|----------------------|------------------------|
|                            |             | M           | F   |             | M      | F   |             |                      |                        |
| Ackworth.                  | 4,380       | 29          | 25  | 12.3        | 22     | 15  | 8.4         | 3                    | 51.9                   |
| Badsworth.                 | 162         | 1           | 2   | 18.5        | -      | 1   | 6.2         | -                    | -                      |
| Billingley.                | 120         | -           | 2   | 16.7        | 2      | 1   | 25.0        | -                    | -                      |
| Brierley with Grimethorpe. | 7,280       | 81          | 79  | 22.0        | 30     | 18  | 6.6         | 5                    | 31.3                   |
| Great Houghton.            | 2,310       | 21          | 19  | 17.3        | 14     | 16  | 13.0        | 3                    | 75.0                   |
| Havercroft.                | 2,000       | 13          | 22  | 17.5        | 9      | 5   | 6.0         | 2                    | 57.1                   |
| Hessle & Hill Top.         | 138         | 2           | 1   | 21.7        | -      | -   | -           | -                    | -                      |
| Huntwick etc.              | 338         | 2           | 4   | 17.8        | 2      | 3   | 14.8        | -                    | -                      |
| Kirk Smeaton.              | 210         | 1           | 2   | 14.3        | -      | 1   | 4.8         | -                    | -                      |
| Little Houghton.           | 673         | 7           | 5   | 17.8        | 5      | 2   | 10.4        | -                    | -                      |
| Little Smeaton.            | 288         | 2           | 3   | 17.4        | 3      | 1   | 13.9        | -                    | -                      |
| Ryhill.                    | 2,700       | 30          | 30  | 22.2        | 11     | 11  | 8.2         | -                    | -                      |
| Shafton.                   | 1,890       | 13          | 21  | 18.0        | 9      | 11  | 10.6        | 2                    | 58.8                   |
| South Elmsall.             | 7,480       | 69          | 66  | 18.0        | 43     | 32  | 10.0        | 6                    | 44.4                   |
| South Miendley.            | 1,550       | 15          | 21  | 23.2        | 7      | 5   | 7.7         | 2                    | 55.6                   |
| South Kirkby.              | 11,620      | 126         | 138 | 22.7        | 47     | 43  | 7.7         | 16                   | 60.6                   |
| Thorpe Audlin.             | 312         | 3           | 2   | 16.0        | 2      | -   | 6.4         | -                    | -                      |
| Upton and North Elmsall.   | 5,510       | 49          | 61  | 20.0        | 29     | 11  | 7.3         | 2                    | 18.2                   |
| Walden Stubbs.             | 121         | 1           | 3   | 33.1        | 2      | -   | 16.5        | -                    | -                      |
| West Hardwick.             | 18          | -           | -   | -           | -      | -   | -           | -                    | -                      |
| Total                      | 49,100      | 465         | 506 | 19.8        | 237    | 176 | 8.4         | 41                   | 42.2                   |
| District                   |             | 971         |     |             | 413    |     |             |                      |                        |

PART TWO.

INFECTIOUS AND OTHER NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

TABLE III.

DISEASES NOTIFIED IN TOWNSHIPS

| Parish.         | Scarlet Fever | Whooping Cough | Measles    | Pneumonia | Acute Anterior Poliomyelitis<br>(Paralytic) | Acute Anterior Poliomyelitis<br>(Non-Paralytic) | Erysipelas | Puerperal Pyrexia | Dysentery | Food Poisoning | Pulmonary Tuberculosis | Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis | Totals      |
|-----------------|---------------|----------------|------------|-----------|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------------|-----------|----------------|------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| Ackworth        | 6             | 8              | 86         | 0         | 1                                           | 0                                               | 1          | 0                 | 2         | 1              | 3                      | 0                          | 109         |
| Badsworth       | 1             | 0              | 19         | 0         | 0                                           | 0                                               | 0          | 0                 | 0         | 0              | 0                      | 0                          | 20          |
| Billingley      | 0             | 0              | 0          | 0         | 0                                           | 0                                               | 0          | 0                 | 0         | 0              | 0                      | 0                          | 0           |
| Brierley        | 3             | 0              | 8          | 2         | 0                                           | 0                                               | 0          | 0                 | 0         | 1              | 2                      | 0                          | 17          |
| Great Houghton  | 3             | 2              | 4          | 3         | 0                                           | 0                                               | 4          | 0                 | 0         | 0              | 3                      | 0                          | 19          |
| Grimethorpe     | 9             | 6              | 202        | 0         | 0                                           | 0                                               | 0          | 0                 | 0         | 0              | 5                      | 0                          | 225         |
| Havercroft      | 1             | 15             | 20         | 0         | 0                                           | 0                                               | 0          | 0                 | 0         | 0              | 2                      | 0                          | 38          |
| Huntwick        | 3             | 2              | 3          | 0         | 0                                           | 0                                               | 0          | 0                 | 0         | 0              | 1                      | 0                          | 9           |
| Kirk Smeaton    | 2             | 0              | 1          | 0         | 0                                           | 0                                               | 0          | 0                 | 0         | 0              | 0                      | 0                          | 3           |
| Little Houghton | 2             | 1              | 2          | 0         | 0                                           | 0                                               | 0          | 0                 | 0         | 0              | 0                      | 0                          | 5           |
| Little Smeaton  | 0             | 0              | 0          | 0         | 0                                           | 0                                               | 0          | 0                 | 0         | 0              | 0                      | 0                          | 1           |
| Moorthorpe      | 3             | 12             | 20         | 0         | 0                                           | 0                                               | 0          | 0                 | 0         | 0              | 3                      | 0                          | 38          |
| North Elmsall   | 8             | 20             | 178        | 24        | 0                                           | 0                                               | 2          | 1                 | 3         | 2              | 5                      | 2                          | 245         |
| Ryhill          | 2             | 3              | 29         | 0         | 0                                           | 0                                               | 0          | 0                 | 0         | 0              | 0                      | 0                          | 34          |
| Shafton         | 2             | 11             | 19         | 0         | 0                                           | 0                                               | 0          | 0                 | 1         | 0              | 2                      | 0                          | 35          |
| South Elmsall   | 5             | 16             | 144        | 3         | 0                                           | 0                                               | 1          | 0                 | 0         | 0              | 5                      | 1                          | 175         |
| South Hiendley  | 2             | 1              | 27         | 0         | 0                                           | 0                                               | 0          | 0                 | 0         | 0              | 1                      | 0                          | 31          |
| South Kirkby    | 11            | 35             | 62         | 1         | 0                                           | 0                                               | 0          | 0                 | 0         | 0              | 4                      | 2                          | 115         |
| Upton           | 5             | 12             | 40         | 3         | 0                                           | 1                                               | 0          | 0                 | 0         | 1              | 1                      | 1                          | 64          |
| <b>Totals</b>   | <b>68</b>     | <b>144</b>     | <b>865</b> | <b>37</b> | <b>3</b>                                    | <b>2</b>                                        | <b>8</b>   | <b>2</b>          | <b>6</b>  | <b>5</b>       | <b>37</b>              | <b>6</b>                   | <b>1183</b> |

TABLE IV.

CASES NOTIFIED MONTH BY MONTH

| Diseases.                                           | January. | February. | March. | April. | May. | June. | July. | August. | September. | October. | November. | December. | Totals: |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|--------|--------|------|-------|-------|---------|------------|----------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| Scarlet Fever                                       | 8        | 7         | 2      | 6      | 6    | 3     | 2     | 8       | 4          | 9        | 8         | 5         | 68      |
| Whooping Cough                                      | 7        | 12        | 1      | 3      | 11   | 11    | 3     | 6       | 24         | 32       | 21        | 13        | 144     |
| Measles                                             | 272      | 117       | 135    | 53     | 47   | 17    | 19    | 62      | 49         | 43       | 51        | -         | 865     |
| Pneumonia                                           | 2        | 3         | 10     | 7      | 4    | 2     | -     | 2       | 1          | 3        | 2         | 1         | 37      |
| Acute Anterior<br>Poliomyelitis<br>(Paralytic).     | -        | -         | -      | -      | -    | -     | -     | 1       | -          | 1        | 1         | -         | 3       |
| Acute Anterior<br>Poliomyelitis<br>(Non-Paralytic). | -        | -         | 1      | -      | -    | -     | -     | -       | -          | 1        | -         | -         | 2       |
| Erysipelas                                          | 1        | -         | 1      | -      | -    | -     | 1     | 2       | 1          | 1        | 1         | -         | 8       |
| Puerperal Pyrexia                                   | -        | -         | -      | -      | -    | -     | -     | -       | 1          | 1        | -         | -         | 2       |
| Dysentery                                           | -        | -         | -      | -      | -    | -     | 2     | -       | -          | -        | 2         | 2         | 6       |
| Food Poisoning                                      | -        | -         | -      | -      | 1    | -     | 1     | -       | 1          | -        | -         | 2         | 5       |
| Pulmonary Tuberculosis                              | 4        | 7         | 3      | 5      | 4    | 1     | 1     | 3       | 2          | 1        | 3         | 3         | 37      |
| Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis                          | -        | 1         | 2      | -      | -    | -     | 1     | -       | 1          | -        | -         | 1         | 6       |
| Totals:                                             | 294      | 147       | 155    | 74     | 73   | 34    | 30    | 84      | 84         | 92       | 89        | 27        | 1,183   |



TABLE V.

CASES CLASSIFIED INTO AGE GROUPS.

| Diseases.                                       | Under 1 year. | 1 to 2 years. | 3 to 4 years. | 5 to 9 years. | 10 to 14 years. | 15 to 24 years. | 25 to 34 years. | 35 to 44 years. | 45 to 64 years. | 65 and over. | Totals: |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|---------|
| Scarlet Fever                                   | 0             | 8             | 19            | 32            | 7               | 2               | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0            | 68      |
| Whooping Cough                                  | 10            | 41            | 44            | 45            | 3               | 0               | 1               | 0               | 0               | 0            | 144     |
| Measles                                         | 39            | 208           | 281           | 326           | 6               | 3               | 2               | 0               | 0               | 0            | 865     |
| Pneumonia                                       | 6             | 5             | 4             | 7             | 0               | 2               | 2               | 4               | 6               | 1            | 37      |
| Acute Anterior Poliomyelitis<br>(Paralytic)     | 0             | 1             | 0             | 0             | 1               | 1               | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0            | 3       |
| Acute Anterior Poliomyelitis<br>(Non-Paralytic) | 0             | 0             | 0             | 1             | 0               | 1               | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0            | 2       |
| Erysipelas                                      | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0               | 1               | 3               | 0               | 4               | 0            | 8       |
| Puerperal Pyrexia                               | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0             | 0               | 2               | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0            | 2       |
| Dysentery                                       | 0             | 0             | 2             | 3             | 0               | 0               | 1               | 0               | 0               | 0            | 6       |
| Food Poisoning                                  | 0             | 0             | 2             | 0             | 0               | 2               | 0               | 0               | 1               | 0            | 5       |
| Pulmonary Tuberculosis                          | 0             | 0             | 0             | 2             | 0               | 9               | 7               | 6               | 10              | 3            | 37      |
| Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis                      | 0             | 0             | 1             | 3             | 0               | 1               | 0               | 1               | 0               | 0            | 6       |
| Totals:                                         | 55            | 263           | 353           | 419           | 17              | 24              | 16              | 11              | 21              | 4            | 1183    |

The number of cases of infectious and notifiable diseases increased during the year. In the country as a whole there was a marked increase in the number of cases of measles and whooping cough and your district had the same experience with 70% increase in measles and 50% increase in whooping cough notifications.



TUBERCULOSIS:

The following table summarises the particulars contained in the Tuberculosis Register:-

TABLE VI.

| No. of Cases<br>in Register.                | Respiratory. |     | Non-Respiratory. |    | Total. |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------|-----|------------------|----|--------|
|                                             | M            | F   | M                | F  |        |
| At 1st January, 1953                        | 176          | 107 | 17               | 27 | 327    |
| New cases added to<br>Register during 1953. | 26           | 24  | 2                | 5  | 57     |
| Removed during 1953:                        |              |     |                  |    |        |
| (a) Death                                   | 7            | 1   | -                | 1  | 9      |
| (b) Recovered                               | 10           | 2   | 2                | 2  | 16     |
| (c) Removed from<br>District.               | 4            | 5   | 1                | -  | 10     |
| Total at 31st<br>December, 1953.            | 181          | 123 | 16               | 29 | 349    |
|                                             | 304          |     | 45               |    |        |

57 new cases were added to the register as compared with 60 during 1952. During the year 9 deaths from the disease occurred compared with 13 in 1952.

### DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

|                                                                        | 0 - 4<br>years. | 5 - 14<br>years. | Total. |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------|
| No. of children who completed<br>a full initial course during<br>1953. | 384             | 91               | 475    |
| No. of children who received<br>"Booster" injections during<br>1953.   | -               | 24               | 24     |
| Total No. of children now<br>considered protected:                     | 1,782           | 5,397            | 7,179  |

### WHOOPING COUGH IMMUNISATION.

|                                                                        | 0 - 4<br>years. | 5 - 14<br>years. | Total. |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------|
| No. of children who completed<br>a full initial course during<br>1953. | 265             | -                | 265    |
| Total No. of children now<br>considered protected.                     | 311             | 1                | 312    |

### VACCINATION

The number of persons vaccinated during 1953 is as follows:-

| Age at date of<br>Vaccination. | Under<br>1 year. | 1 - 2 | 2 - 4 | 5 - 14 | 15 and<br>over. | Total. |
|--------------------------------|------------------|-------|-------|--------|-----------------|--------|
| Primary Vaccination            | 98               | 18    | 35    | 123    | 108             | 382    |
| Re-Vaccination                 | -                | -     | 5     | 43     | 138             | 186    |

There has been little change in the number of children under 15 years protected against diphtheria. Fortunately no case of diphtheria occurred during the year.

There was an encouraging increase in the numbers completing a full course of immunisation against Whooping Cough.

In vaccination there has been a marked increase on 1952, 382 primary as compared with 93 and 186 revaccinations compared with 9 in 1952.

PART THREE

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE

HEALTH VISITING.

There are 8 Health Visitors employed in the Rural District. Details of their visits are as follows:-

|                          | <u>First Visits</u> | <u>Total Visits</u> |
|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| To expectant mothers     | 107                 | 183                 |
| To children under 1 year | 891                 | 6,761               |
| To children 1 - 5 years. | -                   | 3,708               |
| To Tuberculosis cases    | -                   | 417                 |
| To others                | -                   | 3,830               |
| Totals:                  | <u>998</u>          | <u>19,899</u>       |

The total number of visits made has again increased from 16,486 to 19,899; and visits to all children born during the year and resident in the district has been the objective of all Health Visitors.

CHILD WELFARE CLINICS.

These are held regularly at centres throughout the district with a doctor and Health Visitor in attendance. Details of attendances are given below:-

| Clinics.       | No. of Sessions per month. | No. of children who attended. | Total attendances. |
|----------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Ackworth       | 2                          | 109                           | 905                |
| Great Houghton | 2                          | 107                           | 766                |
| Grimethorpe    | 2                          | 263                           | 2,657              |
| Ryhill         | 4                          | 227                           | 2,082              |
| Shafton        | 2                          | 44                            | 254                |
| South Elmsall  | 8                          | 309                           | 3,643              |
| South Hiendley | 2                          | 83                            | 521                |
| South Kirkby   | 4                          | 303                           | 1,934              |
| Upton          | 2                          | 170                           | 1,058              |
| Totals:        | 28                         | 1,615                         | 13,820             |

Total attendances at Child Welfare Clinics has risen by more than 24%, an indication of the value the mothers of young children place on this service and the excellent work done by the clinic staff. Once again I acknowledge with thanks the very valuable work of the clinic voluntary workers.

Ultra Violet Ray clinics were held three times per week at the Hemsworth Clinic and during the year 59 children from the Urban and Rural District attended for treatment.

#### ANTE-NATAL CLINICS.

These are held throughout the district as shown in the accompanying Table. A doctor and two midwives are in attendance at each.

| Clinic.                             | No. of sessions<br>per month. | No. of women<br>who attended. | Total<br>attendances. |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Ackworth                            | 2                             | 95                            | 293                   |
| Great Houghton<br>(ceased Jan.1953) | 2                             | 4                             | 4                     |
| Ryhill                              | 4                             | 259                           | 587                   |
| South Elmsall                       | 8                             | 266                           | 1,536                 |
| South Kirkby                        | 4                             | 199                           | 925                   |
| Totals:                             | 20                            | 823                           | 3,345                 |

The number of women availing themselves of the clinic facilities has risen to 823 from 612 in the previous year.

#### MIDWIFERY SERVICES.

8 midwives and 2 relief midwives practise in the area.

Total cases attended during the year numbered 580.

Gas and Air Analgesia was administered in 306 cases and Pethidine in 327 cases

Increased use of Gas and Air Analgesia and Pethidine accompanied the increase in cases attended.

#### MATERNITY HOMES AND HOSPITALS.

412 women were confined away from home - St. Helens Hospital, Barnsley; South Elmsall Maternity Home; Walton Hall Maternity Home; Wakefield General Hospital; Manygates Maternity Hospital and Leeds Maternity Hospital; were the main hospitals admitting cases from the rural district.



#### CARE OF THE PREMATURE INFANT.

75 premature births were notified during the year. Each of the live births was specially investigated and the necessary care and special equipment was given as required. Details of survival of these prematurely born infants are as follows:-

|               | Total | Still Born | Alive | Died within |         |          | Survived 4 weeks |
|---------------|-------|------------|-------|-------------|---------|----------|------------------|
|               |       |            |       | 24 hours.   | 1 week. | 4 weeks. |                  |
| Domiciliary   | 25    | 1          | 24    | 4           | 1       | -        | 19               |
| Institutional | 50    | 7          | 43    | 4           | 2       | 1        | 36               |
| Total:        | 75    | 8          | 67    | 8           | 3       | 1        | 55               |

#### PART FOUR.

#### CARE AND AFTER-CARE.

#### HOME NURSING.

7 Home Nurses and 1 relief nurse who operates in both the Urban and Rural Districts, with 1 Home Nurse/Midwife and 1 part-time nurse made a total of 29,286 visits during the year. All nurses work in co-operation with the General Practitioners and the number of visits made increased by 5,584 on the previous year.

#### HOME HELPS.

The following table shows the number and types of cases assisted:-

| Type of case. | No. of cases. | Total hours employed. |
|---------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Maternity     | 54            | 5,012                 |
| Tuberculosis  | 1             | 261                   |
| Aged          | 86            | 18,782½               |
| Others        | 34            | 2,601½                |
| Totals:       | 175           | 26,657                |

Once again I have to report an increased demand for this service particularly among the older members of the community. It seems inevitable that with an ageing population this demand will increase year by year.

## MENTAL HEALTH.

The numbers of patients under supervision & guardianship at 31.12.53 were as follows:-

Statutory Supervision - 89

Voluntary Supervision - 13

Guardianship - 3

The Mental Health Social Worker as in previous years furnished background home reports to Superintendents of Mental Hospitals & supervised cases on licence and on holiday from Institutions.

## NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948. Section 47.

During the year no cases required action under this section of the Act.

## PART FIVE.

### AMBULANCE SERVICE.

7 ambulances operated from the South Kirkby depot which was staffed by 19 drivers and 3 telephonists. During the year 24,689 patients were carried to and from hospitals in 5,804 journeys with a total mileage of 179,046 miles.

### LABORATORY SERVICES.

The arrangements were unchanged and continued to operate satisfactorily.

## PART SIX.

### SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE.

### CLINICS.

School Clinics are held weekly at Grimethorpe, Havercroft, Moorthorpe, South Elmsall, South Kirkby and Upton, and fortnightly at Ackworth.

| Clinic.       | No. of children treated. | Total attendances. |
|---------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Ackworth      | 95                       | 313                |
| Grimethorpe   | 233                      | 586                |
| Havercroft    | 152                      | 321                |
| Moorthorpe    | 254                      | 664                |
| South Elmsall | 130                      | 422                |
| South Kirkby  | 90                       | 298                |
| Upton.        | 217                      | 461                |



#### CLEANLINESS INSPECTIONS.

Total number of examinations  
in the schools by the school nurses 16,827

Total number of individual pupils  
found to be infested 741

#### SCHOOL MEDICAL INSPECTIONS.

Routine school medical inspections were carried out  
during the year.

|                            |       |
|----------------------------|-------|
| No. of pupils examined     | 2,476 |
| No. of defects found       | 606   |
| No. referred for treatment | 543   |

#### CHILD GUIDANCE.

There were 10 children from the Rural District who were referred to the County Psychologist during the year.

#### ORTHOPAEDIC CLINICS.

10 Consultant Orthopaedic Clinics were held during the year and 80 children from the Urban and Rural Districts were dealt with.

44 treatment clinics were held by the Orthopaedic Nurse and 46 children from the Urban and Rural Districts made 664 attendances.

#### EYE CLINICS.

596 children from the Urban and Rural Districts attended 37 Eye Clinics held at premises throughout the Division. 214 children were prescribed glasses.

#### SPEECH THERAPY CLINIC.

127 sessions were held and 39 children from the Urban and Rural Districts attended for treatment.



RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF 'HEMSWORTH

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

SENIOR SANITARY INSPECTOR

for 1953.



Sanitary Inspector's Office,  
Brierley Hall,  
Brierley,  
near Barnsley.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE RURAL COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my Annual Report on the Sanitary Administration in the Rural District for the year 1953. As in last year's report, tables have been relegated to the end, and for the same reason.

HOUSING.

There still remains an urgent demand for more houses. As it is both economically and physically impossible to satisfy this demand for years to come, the necessity for preserving the existing dwellings remains as important as ever. In connection with this the Housing Act of 1949 has been of little assistance for the reasons given in the last year's report - briefly, there is little inducement for the landlord to do more than the minimum of repairs; indeed it becomes increasingly difficult to have repairs effected without statutory action. In support of this statement it will be noted that some 900 inspections were made in excess of those made in 1952, yet 78 houses fewer were made fit by informal action, while 51 more were only made fit after the exercise of statutory powers.

VERMINOUS PREMISES.

The number of premises found to be infested with vermin (a polite way of saying "buggy houses") increased from 36 to 78. In my opinion the number of such infestations has not increased, it is just that more were located.

WATER.

It is pleasing to note that none of the samples of public supplies was unsatisfactory.

SEWERS AND SEWERAGE.

Ministerial control has again prevented the Council from proceeding with the various schemes already decided upon.

MEAT INSPECTION.

The total number of animals inspected remained substantially the same as last year, with the exception of pigs, the number of which was nearly doubled in 1953. It will be noted that the total weight of unfit meat fell by approximately 30%, a very satisfactory position. The usual 100% inspection was maintained.

#### MILK.

It is pleasing to note the fall in the percentage of tubercular positive samples.

#### ICE CREAM.

Here again the percentage of unsatisfactory samples fell to just over 5%. Each unsatisfactory sample results in a visit to the place of manufacture unless the cause can be traced to some other factor.

#### SWIMMING BATHS.

There are two swimming baths in the district - one public and one private. Both are visited regularly and samples taken to ensure that the water is maintained at a suitable standard of purity.

#### SMOKE ABATEMENT.

The Yorkshire Divisional Council of the National Smoke Abatement Society held a meeting in this rural district. The members were surprised that atmospheric pollution required so much attention in a rural area.

#### SANITARY ACCOMMODATION.

There are still 511 privies and pail closets in the area - 5 less than last year, due to conversions. The possibility of decreasing this number further is being pursued.

#### PUBLIC CLEANSING.

This work was carried out in the usual inconspicuous manner during the year. Finding the right type of labour remained the principal difficulty.

#### PUBLIC CONVENIENCES.

In common with other districts, this one still has that minority of users which abuses the premises and fittings.

#### PUBLIC SEATS.

The Council decided to provide a much more substantial type of public seat in future - one that would withstand the onslaughts of that brainless band of hoodlums that considers depriving the other members of the community of public seats a matter for their urgent attention.

#### RODENT CONTROL.

The usual service was maintained and the Council's own premises treated systematically.



SALVAGE.

During the year 70 tons 12 cwt. 3 qtrs. of waste paper was sold at a price of only £6.10.0. per ton. During the previous year some of the paper had been sold for £16.0.0. per ton.

STAFF.

The staff during the year was as follows:-

|                                |                                                                                                                                                               |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Senior Sanitary Inspector      | C.T. Peacock, F.S.I.A.                                                                                                                                        |
| Additional Sanitary Inspectors | G.H. Suggitt, M.S.I.A.<br>A. Senior, M.S.I.A.<br>J.H. Cooper, M.S.I.A.<br>T. Limbert, M.S.I.A.<br>(from 16/11/53).<br>L. Robinson, M.S.I.A.<br>(to 10/10/53). |
| Clerks                         | J. Glew (Senior)<br>H. Hammond<br>E. Peate                                                                                                                    |

I am grateful to them for the manner in which their duties were carried out during the year.

My thanks are again due to the Medical Officer of Health for his close and friendly co-operation, to the heads of the various departments and their staffs and to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for the manner in which they have assisted the work of the department.

I am,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Your obedient Servant,



Senior Sanitary Inspector.

## HOUSING.

|                                                                                                                   |                                        |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| No. of houses inspected during the year under the Public Health or Housing Acts.                                  | 553                                    |
| No. of inspections made for this purpose                                                                          | 2767                                   |
| No. of houses considered to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation | 1371<br>(Cat.V. Rural Housing Survey). |
| No. of dwellinghouses rendered fit as a result of informal action                                                 | 143                                    |
| No. rendered fit as a result of action under statutory powers                                                     | 167                                    |

## VERMINOUS HOUSES.

|                                      | <u>Council.</u> | <u>Others.</u> |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| No. found to be infested with vermin | 25              | 53             |
| No. disinfested                      | 25              | 53             |

## WATER SAMPLES.

|                             | <u>Satisfactory.</u> | <u>Below Standard.</u> |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Chemical examination        | 5                    | nil                    |
| Bacteriological examination | 134                  | 9<br>(doubtful 10)     |

## MILK SAMPLES.

|                          |    |    |
|--------------------------|----|----|
| Methylene Blue test      | 41 | 14 |
| Presence of Tuberculosis | 51 | 3  |

## ICE CREAM.

|                             |    |   |
|-----------------------------|----|---|
| Bacteriological examination | 57 | 3 |
|-----------------------------|----|---|

## MILK LICENCES (DEALERS).

|                   |     |
|-------------------|-----|
| Tuberculin Tested | 7   |
| Accredited        | nil |

PETROLEUM.

|                            |    |
|----------------------------|----|
| No. of licences renewed    | 57 |
| No. of new licences issued | 1  |

SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

|                                                |    |
|------------------------------------------------|----|
| No. of private slaughterhouses in the district | 23 |
| No. of licences issued during the year         | 1  |

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT, 1933.

|                                                        |    |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----|
| No. of slaughtermen's licences renewed during the year | 37 |
| No. of new licences issued                             | 1  |

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

|                                                                                | Cattle<br>excluding<br>cows. | Cows. | Calves. | Sheep<br>and<br>Lambs. | Pigs. |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------|---------|------------------------|-------|
| Number killed & inspected                                                      | 840                          | 411   | 88      | 4742                   | 1396  |
| <u>All diseases except T.B.</u>                                                |                              |       |         |                        |       |
| Whole carcasses condemned                                                      | -                            | 2     | 3       | 11                     | 3     |
| Carcasses of which some part<br>or organ was condemned                         | 275                          | 169   | 1       | 1856                   | 188   |
| Percentage of the number<br>inspected affected with<br>disease other than T.B. | 32.6%                        | 41.6% | 4.5%    | 39.4%                  | 13.7% |
| <u>Tuberculosis only.</u>                                                      |                              |       |         |                        |       |
| Whole carcasses condemned                                                      | 3                            | 12    | 1       | -                      | 1     |
| Carcasses of which some part<br>or organ was condemned.                        | 117                          | 166   | -       | -                      | 49    |
| Percentage of the number<br>inspected affected with T.B.                       | 14.3%                        | 43.3% | 1.1%    | -                      | 3.6%  |

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED. (continued).

|                                                            |                   |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Total weight of home killed meat condemned at abattoir     | 10 tons 13 cwt.s. |
| Total weight of imported meat condemned at abattoir        | 3 cwt.s.          |
| Total weight of canned imported meat condemned at abattoir | Nil.              |
| No. of visits to abattoir                                  | 333               |
| Total weight of other foods condemned                      | 19 cwt.s.         |
| Number of inspections                                      | 100               |

SHOPS ACT, 1934.

|                                        |     |
|----------------------------------------|-----|
| No. of visits                          | 186 |
| No. of unsatisfactory conditions found | 4   |
| Number remedied                        | 4   |

BAKEHOUSES.

|                                  |      |
|----------------------------------|------|
| Number in district               | 15   |
| Number of inspections            | 35   |
| Number of bakehouses underground | Nil. |

SMOKE ABATEMENT.

|                                                           |      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|------|
| Number of smoke observations each of 30 mins. duration    | 13   |
| Number of above showing excessive emission of black smoke | Nil. |
| Number of cautions issued                                 | Nil. |
| Number of statutory notices issued                        | Nil. |

PREMISES AND OCCUPATIONS CONTROLLED BY BYELAWS OR REGULATIONS.

| Regulated Buildings,<br>Trades, etc. | No. in<br>District. | No. on<br>Register. | No. of<br>Inspections. | General<br>Conditions. |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Common Lodging Houses                | -                   | -                   | -                      | -                      |
| Houses Let in Lodgings               | -                   | -                   | -                      | -                      |
| Tents, Vans and Sheds.               | 12                  | 12                  | 120                    | Satisfactory           |
| Knacker's Yards.                     | 1                   | 1                   | 12                     | Satisfactory           |

FACTORIES ACT, 1937. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by sanitary inspectors).

| Premises.                                                                                                    | No. on Register. | Inspections. | No. of written notices. | Occupiers prosecuted. |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| (i) Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authority.                       | 7                | 27           | -                       | -                     |
| (ii) Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.                    | 71               | 30           | -                       | -                     |
| (iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises). | -                | -            | -                       | -                     |
|                                                                                                              | 78               | 57           | -                       | -                     |

CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

| Particulars                     | Found. | Remedied. | Referred          |                    | Prosecutions. |
|---------------------------------|--------|-----------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------|
|                                 |        |           | to H.M. Inspector | by H.M. Inspector. |               |
| Want of cleanliness             | -      | -         | -                 | -                  | -             |
| Overcrowding.                   | -      | -         | -                 | -                  | -             |
| Unreasonable temperature.       | -      | -         | -                 | -                  | -             |
| Inadequate ventilation          | -      | -         | -                 | -                  | -             |
| Ineffective drainage of floors. | -      | -         | -                 | -                  | -             |
| Sanitary conveniences           |        |           |                   |                    |               |
| (a) insufficient                | 1      | -         | -                 | -                  | -             |
| (b) unsuitable or defective.    | -      | -         | -                 | -                  | -             |
| (c) not separate for sexes.     | 1      | -         | -                 | -                  | -             |
| Other offences                  | -      | -         | -                 | -                  | -             |
|                                 | 2      | -         | -                 | -                  | -             |



NUISANCES.

|                                |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|--------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Number found during 1953       | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 593 |
| Number in hand 1952            | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 290 |
| Total requiring abatement      | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 883 |
| Abated during the year         | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 676 |
| Outstanding at the end of 1953 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 207 |

NOTICES.

|                                                     |     |     |     |     |     |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| No. of informal notices served during 1953          | ... | ... | ... | ... | 273 |
| No. complied with (including 30 from previous year) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 252 |
| No. of statutory notices served                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | 140 |
| No. complied with (including 51 from previous year) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 167 |
| Total number of legal proceedings taken             | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10  |

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

|                                                     |     |     |     |     |        |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|
| No. of privies with open middens at the end of 1953 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 32     |
| No. of pail or tub closets                          | ... | ... | ... | ... | 301    |
| No. of privies with covered middens                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 178    |
| No. of water closets added during the year          | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,719  |
| Total number of water closets                       | ... | ... | ... | ... | 14,902 |
| Other types of closets constructed during the year  | ... | ... | ... | ... | Nil    |
| Percentage of closets on water carriage system      | ... | ... | ... | ... | 96.68  |

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

|                               |     |     |     |     |        |
|-------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|
| No. of premises with dustbins | ... | ... | ... | ... | 14,500 |
| Mileage covered               | ... | ... | ... | ... | 72,069 |

Cost of Public Cleansing £25,678



CESSPOOL EMPTYING.

|                     |        |
|---------------------|--------|
| Number of cesspools | 130    |
| Mileage covered     | 16,771 |

VISITS AND INSPECTIONS.

|                                                  |       |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Housing                                          | 553   |
| Nuisances and complaints                         | 1,480 |
| Drains and sewers                                | 699   |
| Sanitary conveniences                            | 226   |
| Infectious diseases                              | 138   |
| Ponds ditches, etc.                              | 49    |
| Changes in tenancy (Council houses)              | 727   |
| Applications to take in lodgers (Council houses) | 68    |
| Wet or fried fish shops                          | 45    |
| Bakehouses                                       | 35    |
| Ice cream premises                               | 98    |
| Food preparing premises                          | 101   |
| Butchers shops                                   | 32    |
| Food inspection                                  | 100   |
| Slaughterhouses                                  | 33    |
| Abattoir                                         | 333   |
| Food poisoning                                   | 174   |
| Water supplies                                   | 154   |
| Shops Act                                        | 186   |
| Milk and Dairies Regulations                     | 7     |

VISITS AND INSPECTIONS. (continued).

|                                               |       |
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